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AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action of November 26, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-32 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

33. A chemically-amplified positive photoresist composition comprising 1) a resin, 2) a photoacid generator compound, and 3) lactic acid or acetic acid.

34. The photoresist of claim 33 wherein the lactic acid or acetic acid is present in an amount of at least about 0.5 weight percent based on total solids of the photoresist composition.

35. The photoresist of claim 33 wherein the lactic acid or acetic acid is present in an amount of at least about 0.8 weight percent based on total solids of the photoresist composition.

36. The photoresist of claim 33 wherein the lactic acid or acetic acid is present in an amount of at least about 1 weight percent based on total solids of the photoresist composition.